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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR )  
FAULT DIAGNOSIS IN A )  
DATA NETWORK )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and responses to the above captioned patent application, as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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